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EXPORT OF TEA COFFEE SPICES AND TOBACCO .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries to which coffee, tea, cardamom, chilli and tobacco exported during each of the last three years alongwith the quantity thereof;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the above period, year-wise;

(c) the percentage share of India in the world export of these items; and

(d) the States in the country which contribute maximum share of above items?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)
(a) & (b): The details of country-wise figures of export are published by the DGCI&S, Calcutta and the same is available in the Parliament House Library.
(c) : Percentage share in the world exports during the year 1998-99 of coffee was 4.46%, cardamom 3.7%, chilli 54%. The share in respect of tea during the year 1998 was 16.7% and for unmanufactured Tobacco it was 5%.
(d) : The maximum contribution to the export of coffee and cardamom comes from the States of Karnataka and Kerala respectively.In the case of chilli and tobacco the maximum contribution comes from Andhra Pradesh.
Tea is exported in blended form either in bulk or in packets. In the process, origin of tea is lost at the time of blending and hence it is not possible to identify the States which contribute maximum share of tea exported from India.The maximum production of Tea however is in the state of Assam.